

## NEW BORDERS, MADE IN VERSAILLES, GIVE GIBBS A WILD TRIP

'Woodrow Wilson's Train,'  
So Called by Guard, Halted  
at All Hours.

### SUSPICION IS RIFE

German, Polish, Lithuanian  
and Lettish Officers  
Search All Baggage.

By SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

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Riga, via London, Oct. 29.—I have  
just made a journey from Berlin  
through East Prussia and the Polish  
corridor to Danzig, and thence  
through Lithuania and Latvia to  
Riga. This journey takes only two  
days and nights from Berlin, but one  
passes across four frontiers of little  
nations created by the treaty of Ver-  
sailles and so jealous of their right  
of self-determination that no stranger  
may pass without their Government  
stamp on his passport. This wastes  
much time and nerve strain in the  
auto-chambers of officialdom, while  
customs barriers are erected between  
one country and another, and hordes  
of officials are paid to harass traders  
and travellers.

The guard of the train which comes  
from Ostend to Riga is a man of in-  
ternational character, speaking, it  
seemed to me, every known tongue  
and many that are unknown. He  
also has a malicious sense of humor  
regarding the self-determination of  
nations, and before I turned into bed  
the first night he delivered himself  
briefly of a cynical philosophy.

"This is Woodrow Wilson's train,"  
he said. "Owing to his love of liberty  
and small peoples you pay for a  
sleeping carriage, but do not sleep.  
At 2 o'clock in the morning you are  
turned out on the platform of the  
Polish corridor, where your bags are  
examined and your life is endangered  
by the night winds. No sooner do  
you go to bed again than the Polish  
officers wake you up for a fresh ex-  
amination. So it goes on from one  
country to another, until you are  
tired of self-determination which has  
destroyed individual liberty and com-  
mon sense."

#### Toilet Articles Suspected.

So, indeed, it happened, and one's  
attempts at slumber were rudely  
broken by German, Polish, Lithuanian  
and Lettish officers, who were deep-  
suspicious of toilet articles, insisted  
upon opening paper parcels con-  
taining Dutch cheese or second best  
boots, became excited at the sight of  
a typewriter, for which they de-  
manded immediate bloodmoney, and  
who were ruthless with any traveller  
who had failed to get the necessary  
passport visa for any one of five  
nations. Out he was turned to go  
back to Berlin and repair his error.

At the East Prussian frontier Ger-  
man officials demanded knowledge of  
one's wealth or poverty, and refused  
permission for more than 1,000 marks  
to be taken across the frontier. I  
was being marched off to deposit a  
small bundle of English bank notes  
which I needed desperately for future  
travel until my energetic protests  
and explanations rescued me from  
this forcible expropriation by the in-  
tervention of a high official.

All this annoyance has only one  
good result. It impresses one's mind  
with the farcical absurdity of self-  
determination run mad. I am all for  
liberty and local governance of small  
peoples, but not at the expense of  
free trade and free travel. This series  
of Chinese walls dividing European  
nationalities is a hark back in civiliza-  
tion and not progress toward the  
unification of common interests and  
common needs.

British Uniforms Numerous.  
During this journey the train  
stopped a long time at certain sta-

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## WHO WAS LAST MAN KILLED IN WAR? FRENCHMAN ASKS

Monument Planned to Commemorate Fatality and  
Also to Honor Soldier That Lost Life  
at Moment of Victory.

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Who was the last man killed in the  
war? This is the latest question asked  
by the French literary weekly *Renaissance*.  
It promises to be taken up  
seriously by the allied nations, each  
of which has hitherto considered that  
the honor belonged to it.

The British declare that a few min-  
utes before 11 o'clock on the morning  
of the armistice a colonel of machine  
gunners in the British army received  
a stray bullet, but it is doubtful  
whether this bullet came from a Ger-  
man sniper or from a party of mon-  
sters up. At any rate, the British case  
is considered outclassed.

tions, and one had time to see some-  
thing of the surrounding countryside  
and to study the characteristics of  
the people who crowded the stations  
or went about their business in the  
neighborhood. One observation which  
comes to every Englishman is the  
strange prevalence of British uni-  
forms among these new nations. The  
Poles, the Lithuanians and the Letts  
have clothed their armies in British  
khaki, and it looks as though when  
the British armies were demobilized  
they sold their cast off uniforms to  
northern Europe. The effect is judi-

Veterans' associations in allied coun-  
tries are being asked to send in cor-  
roborated details of incidents likely to  
aid in solving the problem, which the  
*Renaissance* assures its readers is just  
as important as is the identity of the  
first man killed in the war, the latter  
honor, of course, belonging to the  
French soldier who crossed the Ger-  
man frontier without knowing war  
had been declared and was shot dur-  
ing an altercation with a German cus-  
toms agent and a squad of German in-  
fantry.

Once the identity of the last man  
killed in the war is established a  
monument will be raised to commemo-  
rate the fatality and the soldier who  
lost his life at the moment of victory.

crons on seeing peasant types of  
Slavonic folk masquerading as  
Bairnsfather's *Old Bill*, or Lithu-  
anian and Lettish farmers in tunics,  
breaches and puttees cut after the  
fashion of British officers.

Heaven alone knows why these new  
little nations keep up standing armies  
or how they afford to do so. Every-  
where one sees soldiers, who seem to  
spend most of their time in cafes and  
chocolate shops, while trade lan-  
guishes and ports are idle. Ger-  
many's compulsory demobilization  
has been like a gift of the gods to

ease her burden of defeat by giving  
back her men to industry.

I had but a brief glimpse of East  
Prussia, but enough to make a com-  
parison between the reconstruction  
of war damaged villages in France  
and Germany if what I saw was  
typical. When the Russians overran  
East Prussia before they were coun-  
ter attacked and driven back by Von  
Hindenburg they destroyed many  
towns and villages during their re-  
treat. Among them was Eydtkuhn, a  
village of 6,000 folk, who fled, and  
then, on coming back, found their  
homes and barns and public buildings  
in black ruin.

#### Town Has Been Rebuilt.

Now the little town is built up  
again, and when I was there a few  
days ago the last nails were being  
hammered in. It is beautifully done  
in the old German style, with red  
roofs and white walls, and I am told  
that all over East Prussia reconstruc-  
tion has been completed.

I could not help comparing this  
with the devastated areas of France,  
where still little has been done.  
Leaving Germany behind, one leaves  
also German enterprise and energy  
and wealth. The new Baltic States  
of Lithuania and Latvia owed most  
of their prosperity to Germany on  
one side and Russia on the other.

Now the price of their independence  
is poverty and a lowered standard of  
life. The peasants are doing pretty  
well, and the American Relief Ad-  
ministration, which was feeding 20,  
000 children in Lithuania and 40,  
000 in Latvia, is preparing to close

down this work in a few months from  
now, as the people are better able to  
provide their own food. But com-  
merce does not thrive.

Riga, which was a busy port before  
the war, does only a petty trade,  
some few ships calling for timber, in  
return mostly for German goods.  
Prices and taxes rise higher month  
by month, as travellers find to their  
loss in restaurants and hotels, where  
there is a 15 per cent. tax on all bills,  
which, apart from that, are twice as  
much as in Berlin.

#### Trade Renewed With Russia.

With Russia there is beginning to  
be a renewal of trade in a small,  
pettifoggish way since the Soviet  
Government's consent to private trad-  
ing six months ago, thereby confess-  
ing the utter breakdown of the Com-  
munist theory and the inevitable  
return to capitalism. The Russians  
have now opened six trading stations  
on the Latvian frontier, and some-  
thing, but not much, is being done in  
the way of barter. In return for salt,  
boots and tobacco from the Russians  
there are peasant handicrafts, furni-  
ture, furs and assortments of odds  
and ends of marketable value.

Riga awaits the reopening of Rus-  
sia, but without hope of quick pro-  
gress in commerce. Meanwhile this  
city of the Baltic is chiefly interest-  
ing for the visitors who are coming  
back from Russia with dreadful tales  
of famine, pestilence and death in the  
stricken areas. They are relief  
workers of American and British  
missions and American and British  
journalists. That is why I am among

them in this strange, far away place,  
for I am going also to Moscow and  
then southward and eastward to see  
that greatest human tragedy of mod-  
ern history after the war, to get at  
its truth and magnitude. I need also  
to find out, if I can, how much there  
may be of exaggeration or of under-  
estimation in the reports which say  
that 25,000,000 people are starving to  
death and to find out whether rescue  
is possible.

#### Help Coming From America.

Before I have been there and come  
back I cannot give an answer to those  
questions. I must see with my own  
eyes and search for my own estimate  
of the truth. But here in Riga, be-  
fore going, I find that rescue is on its  
way for some of these famine victims.

The American Relief Administration  
is already sending 1,500 tons of food  
a week to the famine areas. Sixteen  
hundred tons would feed 1,000,000  
children.

Mr. Miller, chief of the American  
Relief Administration headquarters  
at Riga, tells me that the food is go-  
ing through without convoys safely  
and without theft, and that the Soviet  
authorities are helping and are hon-  
est in this respect.

From British missions like the  
"Save the Children Fund" I hear sim-  
ilar reports. I go now as commis-  
sioner of the British Famine Relief  
Committee to make my own report,  
and to go deep into this enormous  
horror, which calls for help to all  
human souls who are not insensitive

deadening of emotional reactions and  
who have no use for politics when  
millions of peasant people, victimized  
by the cruelty of men and fate, look  
up with glazed eyes and hear only the  
wall of dying children and wait for  
death.

#### SQUADRON AT NEWPORT.

Five Battleships Stop for Week of  
Overhauling.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 29.—The battle-  
ships *Arkansas*, *Delaware*, *Florida*,  
North Dakota and Wyoming, which  
make up the cruising squadron of the  
Atlantic fleet, arrived here to-day from  
the southern drill grounds.  
They will be here for a week while  
the officers attend the Naval War Col-  
lege and the ships are being overhauled.  
The submarine mother ship, *Bushnell*,  
and four submarines also arrived.

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like these. They are really beyond price. For there are few in  
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sea, and make way for the water still to come down.

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